



## FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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**Welcome to Friday Night Facts !** We are very excited to share with you the theme for the 2007 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism. Hopefully, you will mark the dates on your calendars and plan on attending. Over 700 people attended the conference this year and we expect even more in March of 2007. You should plan to be one of the participants.

This issue also contains a wonderful opportunity from the Department of Justice specifically for the small non-profit organization, please take a look at the details and consider applying. If you decide to apply, let us know so that we can provide encouragement and support. We want to see as many Indiana organizations apply for and receive federal grants that are right for them. Our office will use every opportunity to bring you timely opportunities that will enrich the work you are doing.

## It's never too early to plan ahead



The theme of the 2007 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism is "**Volunteering and Service at the Crossroads**". This conference will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown. Look for more details soon! **Save the date!**

### Fact for Life #138

Eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke would prevent more than 228,000 new cases of heart disease in the U.S. "Facts for Life," is a weekly e-mail providing statistics on the toll of tobacco to Hoosiers and the state of Indiana, is presented by Indiana Prevention and Cessation. For more information on Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation, visit [www.itpc.in.gov](http://www.itpc.in.gov), [www.WhiteLies.tv](http://www.WhiteLies.tv), or [www.Voice.tv](http://www.Voice.tv).

Source: Lightwood, J. University of California at San Francisco. American Heart Association 7th Scientific Forum on Quality of Care and Outcomes Research on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke, Washington, DC, May 2006.



## VOLUNTEER SERVICE

According to "Volunteering in America: State Trends and Rankings," the most statistically significant study of volunteering ever conducted in the U.S., 65.4 million adults, or 28.8 percent, volunteered in 2005 -- an increase of nearly six million volunteers since 2002. In fact, adults spent a median of 50 hours per year volunteering, giving a total of 8.2 billion hours of service. Using an estimate of the dollar value of a volunteer's time, volunteering equated to \$147.6 billion in 2005. Of course, states vary widely on how, when, and what percentage of their citizens volunteer, yet, in every state, women volunteer at a higher rate than men, and both women with children and women who work have higher volunteer rates than other women. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO <http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/volunteering/>.



## GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR SMALLER FAITH AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives would like to highlight this new grant opportunity. The FACTS program could be an excellent stepping stone for organizations which are beginning to look beyond their own membership for support.

The US Department of Justice is supporting efforts by grassroots organizations, including faith-based groups, to reduce domestic violence in rural areas. The Faith and Community Technical Support (FACTS) Pilot program is intended for groups which have not previously received funding from the Department of Justice. The program is restricted to organizations with fewer than ten full time employees, and an annual budget under \$350,000. Organizations may request any amount between \$2500 and \$100,000 for your project. The total amount of funding available nationwide is \$2.2 million. Applications are due by July 20, 2006.

The FACTS program is being administered by Baylor University and the Montana Attorney General's Office, but is a national program. The application process is significantly simpler than that for a direct federal grant. And yes, Indiana non-profits are eligible!

### Rural Domestic Violence Pilot Program

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), via the Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement Grants, has recently launched a new pilot program specifically targeting the unique needs of rural communities. The Faith and Community Technical Support (FACTS) program announces the availability of approximately \$2.2 million to fund a number of faith-based and community organizations (from September 2006 through August 2007) with the ability to serve rural victims of domestic violence. Funds are available particularly for those grassroots faith-based or community organizations that have not previously received funds from the U. S. Department of Justice. Applicants must have a staff of less than 10 full-time employees and an annual domestic violence program budget of less than \$100,000 (and an overall budget less than \$350,000). Sub-award applications meeting the minimum eligibility requirements will be accepted from all organizations and all states, rural or non-rural. For further information or to view the solicitation, click on the following link: <http://www.factsdv.org/>.

Deadline to apply: **July 20, 2006.**

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"As children face greater dangers, they often have fewer people to turn to for help...And research shows us the risks are especially great for boys. Boys are more likely to drop out of school and less likely to go to college. More boys than girls abuse drugs, join gangs, and engage in violent behavior. Almost three-quarters of youth arrested are boys. The challenges facing America's youth are great. But...greater still is our love for our young people, our hope for our young people, and the dedication of millions of Americans to helping young people succeed."

First Lady Laura Bush at the regional HAY conference in Indianapolis on June 6, 2006

# Culinary

“...celebrating food, life, and community  
one meal at a time.”



In the spring of 2005, three co-workers started bringing in recipes for one of their co-workers. She and her husband wanted to try new dishes. Soon, the four young women started exchanging all kinds of recipes. One would find something nice and give it to the others. They began to talk about what they liked to eat and cook and restaurants they liked to visit. They would bring in dishes for company pitch-ins and realized that their strengths and talents complimented each other. It was suggested they form a cooking club. They needed a name and they were penned as “Culinary Divas”. In August of 2005 they had their first gathering and had Seafood Delights.

The four women who shared their joy of cooking together have grown into an organization of professional women who are dedicated to supporting each other as well as the community. They have taken their culinary skills out of the kitchen. It is their belief that they can uplift the community while celebrating food and life one meal at a time. They meet once a month to take cooking to the next level, explore an interesting restaurant or execute their community service project. They continue to exchange recipes and learn how to make new dishes.

As they look to the future, they see the Culinary Divas around for years. Their vision includes having chapters in multiple states, bringing sisterhood, education, and business opportunities to women. They look forward to being involved with more community service projects, not for profit organizations, and providing scholarships. They would like to hold conference where chapters can come together annually; members can network, and develop long lasting relationships. Their second chapter is getting revved up in Memphis, Tennessee.

It only takes a single thought to move the world...

## INTEREST RATE CHANGE ON STUDENT LOANS

Attention borrowers! On July 1, the federal student loan interest rate will increase by 1.84 percent. That means the new rate for students repaying Stafford loans issued after July 1998 will be 7.14 percent (up from 5.3 percent), while the revised rate for parents repaying PLUS loans since July 1998 will be 7.94 percent (up from 6.1 percent). (For those students who are still in school, within the six month grace period, or in deferment, the new rate will be 6.54 percent, up from 4.70 percent.) Borrowers can contact their lender/loan servicer by June 30 to explore financial options, such as consolidation, to lock in lower interest rates. The Department has released a thorough consolidation checklist (<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/loanchecklist.jsp?tab=repaying>) to guide borrowers through the decision-making process. FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO <http://studentaid.ed.gov/>. (If you are uncertain of your current lender/loan servicer, go to <http://www.nsls.ed.gov/>.)

